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September Upcoming Events

- Labor Day
- Form 99's due at Wing
- MIWG Staff Assistance Visit
- Monthly Vehicle Utilization Report due
- Monthly Aircraft Utilization Report due
- Anniversary of Attack on America
- Wing Staff Meeting
- CISM Training



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Standing: 1Lt. Bill Chesney, MIWG DC, seated center: Lt. Col. Noel Gregory, seated right: Lt. Col. Sue Ann F'Geppert. Background: New Command/Communications trailer purchased with funds from State of Michigan grant

DEA Warns About Legal Hallucinogenic Herb

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has issued a nationwide warning about salvia divinorum, a legal hallucinogenic herb from Mexico that officials describe as stronger than LSD, the New York Daily News reported July 24. "There has been a recent interest among young adults and adolescents to rediscover ethno-botanical plants that can induce changes in perception, hallucinations, or other psychologically induced changes," the DEA said in its *"Drugs and Chemicals of Concern"* bulletin. Salvia can be chewed or taken orally, but is more powerful when smoked. It can cause intense, debilitating, out-of-body visionary trances. Smoking just one-quarter gram of the substance can change perception and senses. "We're looking at it," said John Gilbride, associate special agent in charge of the DEA's New York field office. "The DEA at the national level is tracking this to determine if this will become a growing trend as a drug of abuse." The herb reportedly is being sold over the Internet, as well as in smoke shops in New York, Los Angeles, and other large cities.

Source: Lt. Col Jett Mayhew, DDRC-MER

Livonia Squadron Responds to ELT Search



ELT Find is First for Captain!

Special Editor's Note:

The following article was received via email by the newsletter staff on 5 June and was subsequently displaced during a computer malfunction. The editor and staff wishes to extend it's deepest apologies to Squadron Commander Major Mario Accardo and the Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron for this uncontrollable occurrence.

An official call was received from SARSAT on Monday, 2 June advising of a confirmed signal in the Dearborn Heights area. Major Carol Heeringa, IC, notified members of Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron MI-183, Ground Team at 2300 hours. The team consisted of Major Dave Cotton, Capt. Mike Marcus and C/Capt Stefano De Donatis. Major Mario Accardo, MP received orders at 2345 to launch a sortie under mission number 03M1114. Teaming up with Capt Waddell, MO from Willow Run Composite, the two members launched in N98219 just after 0100. By this time, ground team members were completing their search around Detroit Metropolitan Airport. CAP Flight 2020 inquired with local airport Control Towers about an ELT Signal, but no one could confirm the signal.

Approximately 25 minutes into the flight, the signal was picked up by the aircrew just Northwest of Grosse Isle. In cooperation with Detroit Approach, CAP Flight 2020 was able to track down the signal to a Farmer Jack parking lot located on Ecorse Road near Telegraph in the



city of Taylor. Capt Mike Marcus was able to track the signal to a mini van parked just across the street. The Taylor Police Department was successful in contacting the vehicle owner, who promptly arrived to turn off the device. This event marks the first actual mission for Major Accardo and the first ELT Find for Captain Waddell. Congratulations to all.

Article submitted by: Major Mario Accardo, Squadron Commander, Livonia Thunderbolt MI-183

SAFETY NOTES

Summer is here with the fall season not far behind. With that in mind I would like to offer a few summer driving tips to make your traveling safer and less stressful. First of all - **PLAN AHEAD** - Give yourself plenty of extra time. Construction zones, traffic jams, or other incidents can add delays. That extra time will help cut down on excessive speeding and tailgating. Watch for increased road construction zones and construction vehicle traffic that will be entering and exiting roadways and work areas.

PAY ATTENTION—Eliminate distractions ahead of time. Be sure important items—directions and maps, sunglasses—are within easy reach. Always pull over to a safe place to use your cell phone.

BRING A FRIEND—It is well recognized that when driving alone, especially when sleep deprived and at night, your chances of a crash are dramatically increased.

PRACTICE SAFETY—Everyone needs to be properly buckled. If traveling with children, educate yourself on child safety seats and restraints. Children age 12 and under should always be in the back seat.

CLEAR YOUR HEAD—Alcohol and certain drugs, both illegal and legal, severely impair your driving skills. If taking medication, be sure to read and obey the warning labels.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE—Maintain a following distance of at least two seconds. Add an additional second for each adverse driving condition, such as bad weather or low visibility.

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF FATIGUE—If you start feeling tired, let someone else drive. If you are driving alone, pull into a rest stop or another safe location and take a short nap or walk around for a few minutes. Stop as often as necessary. Eat light on long trips. Large, heavy meals can make you drowsy.

As always, stay safe while driving and have a good summer.

2Lt.. Joe Buford, CAP (Safety Officer in training)



Captain Receives Promotion During Special Ceremony

Captain Pamela Paulin, Commander of Van Dyke Cadet Squadron 117 was promoted to the grade of Major during a special ceremony conducted prior to the launch of yet another military incentive flight on board the KC-135 hosted by the 927th ARW and 63rd ARS out of Selfridge ANGB. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Cole, 63rd OSS/CC; Major Paulin's husband, 2Lt Donald Paulin and Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo were present for the event. Lt. Col. Cole and Major Paulin have been the instrumental factors in this special and unique program. Members of Michigan Wing congratulate Major Paulin on her promotion and efforts.



Pictured left to right: Lt. Col. Michael Cole, USAF
Major Pamela Paulin, CAP, 2Lt. Donald Paulin, CAP
Michigan Wing Commander Colonel Gary Mayo, CAP

Article by: Major Pamela Paulin

Pride
Proficiency
Professionalism

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, naturally!



Promotions - Awards - Appointments

Richard Sample, PhD., Lt. Col. - Appointment - MIWG Chief Chaplain

Pamela Paulin, Captain - Promotion - Major

Charles R. Sole, 2Lt. - Appointment - ROTC Flight Coordinator

Joseph Buford, 2Lt. - Appointment - Wing Staff

McKinney Range, SM - Appointment - Newsletter Staff Technical Support

Melony Buford, SM - Appointment - Newsletter Staff Writer

Cadet Scott Beck - Promotion - C\2Lt. - Award - General Billy Mitchell

C\2Lt. Theo Moran - Appointment - Cadet Commander (MI-176)

C\2Lt. Scott Beck - Appointment - Cadet Deputy Commander (MI-176)

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Editor's Note

The newsletter is up and running again. In order to ensure that all members are informed of Wing events and important information. We are asking all members to assist us. Members with articles, announcements, photographs, information on events, promotions, awards, new members or other forms of information of interest to Wing members are encouraged to submit their material for publication in the newsletter. Submit photos with full descriptions please.

Please send your submissions/questions via email to the Newsletter Editor, 2Lt. Joe Buford at jbuford@miwg.cap.gov **no later than the 15th of the month** for inclusion in the next scheduled issue. Thank you.

Cadet Calendar



Events and Activities

11 September 2003

(9/11/01) America was attacked by terrorists - Lest we forget - God Bless America

September 2003 Calendar of Events

- 1 - Labor Day Holiday
- 4- 6 - MIWG Staff Assistance Visit by Region
- 5 - Form 99's due at Wing Headquarters
- 7 - Monthly Vehicle Utilization Reports due at Wing
- 10 - Monthly Aircraft Utilization Reports due at Wing
- 11 - (9/11/01) America was attacked by terrorists - Lest we forget - God Bless America
- 13 - **Wing Staff Meeting** - Location - Wing Headquarters - POC - Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan
- 19-21 - CISM Training - Location - Oakland County Sheriff - POC - Major Sheila Cerny

MI Wing's Newest Members

This space has been reserved to welcome our new members to Michigan Wing. This month we welcome our newest members to Selfridge Cadet Squadron MI -176

Senior Member Robert Hocking
Cadet Christine Budzynski
Cadet Tabatha Holcomb
Cadet Jacob Laethem
Cadet Nina Rademaker
Cadet Robert Warner
Cadet Angel Martino
Cadet Katelynn Hocking

Welcome members to Michigan Wing!

VACANT STAFF POSITIONS AT WING HEADQUARTERS

Wing Headquarters is currently seeking personnel to fill the following staff positions:

Wing Public Affairs Officer
Plans and Programs Officer

All interested members
should contact

Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan,
Chief of Staff via email at

rpadavan@miwg.cap.gov or
by phone at (586) 774-6644
for further information.

Selfridge Squadron Holds Cadet Change of Command Ceremony

Selfridge Cadet Squadron held a Cadet Change of Command ceremony on 17 July. C\1Lt. David Clark relinquished command to C\2Lt. Theo Moran whom accepted command. Cadet Moran had previously served as Cadet Deputy Commander. Cadet Clark has served as commander since August 2002. He plans to join AFROTC in college this fall. He first joined CAP in August 1997 and currently holds a position on the Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) with plans to remain active in CAP. Cadet Moran joined CAP in November 1999. Cadet 2Lt. Scott Beck (pictured on page 11 separate story) succeeds Cadet Moran as the squadron's new Cadet Deputy Commander.



Cadet 2Lt. Theo Moran

Article by: Major
Terri Couls,
Squadron Cmdr.

Source: Major
Terri Couls,
Squadron
Commander

Photos by: 1Lt.
Tim Moran,
Squadron PAO



Cadet 1Lt. David Clark correcting Cadet Sean Croff's salute

Wing Chief of Staff Presents Selfridge Squadron Cadet with General Billy Mitchell Award



Mitchell Promotion for Selfridge Cadet

June 6th was indeed a proud day for members of Selfridge Cadet Squadron MI-176 and the Michigan Wing. At a promotion ceremony held on Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Wing Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Padavan presented Selfridge Cadet Scott Beck with the General William (Billy) Mitchell Award certificate. Cadet Beck's promotion was made official as Squadron Commander Major Terri Couls and Lt. Col. Padavan attached the new cadet second lieutenant insignia to his uniform as his fellow squadron members in formation looked on.



Major Terri Couls, Squadron Commander (pictured left) and Wing Chief of Staff Ronald Padavan (pictured right) affix the C/2Lt. rank insignia to Cadet Scott Beck's uniform



Pictured left to right: Mr. Beck, Cadet 2Lt. Scott Beck, Lt. Col. Ronald Padavan, Mrs. Beck

Cadet Beck serves as the squadron's Cadet Executive Officer. While congratulating Cadet Beck, Lt. Col. Padavan stated "This is a significant milestone, one that you can be very proud of." The promotion ceremony carried special significance for C/2Lt. Beck, who was departing the next morning for a summer orientation week at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Cadet Beck, a high school junior, was invited among a highly-select group of students from across the nation to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the summer program to experience academy life before making a college decision.

Major Couls stated "I'm very pleased and proud to have Cadet Beck accomplish so much. He has been a dedicated and reliable member of the squadron, and in the process of earning this award he has developed excellent leadership abilities that will help him throughout his life".



Article and Photos by: 1Lt. Tim Moran, Squadron PAO

Michigan Dedicated CISM Course

Michigan Wing will be sponsoring a **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Course 20-21 September**. This course is offered on a first come/first serve basis to all MIWG Senior Members (open to GLR members) for a class maximum of forty slots. It will be held at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Training Unit Classroom, 1201 N. Telegraph Rd, Building 38-E, door B, Pontiac, Michigan. Registration and morning snacks *both days* start promptly at **0800** (you must register each day); class ends at **1700**. For further information the activity POC is **Major Sheila M. Cerny, CAP, MIWG CISTC** scerny@miwg.cap.gov, 810-982-7701. For information on the course itself, contact the instructor, Sherry Jones, at cism@cap.gov or 586.773.2629. (This is an ICISF Registered Course, Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, RN, EMTP is the Special Advisor to the National Commander for Critical Incident Stress Management.)

Keeping Current In CISM

The pre-incident education portion of the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) program is enough to keep a lot of people busy. CISTC's (Critical Incident Stress Team Coordinators) may assign educational appearances and materials distribution to several members of their team. Performing on-scene support services (as directed by your wing CISTC) may also lend to sharpening CISM awareness. But the number of interventions of any sort in CAP is really not enough to keep every member of every team current in their practice of CISM.

We strongly urge CISM Team members to continue with their self-education through reading, taking additional courses and becoming associated (as civilians) with their local teams. By joining a local CISM team, members may practice mock-debriefings, share continuing educational materials, discuss current practices and keep their enthusiasm for the program alive. CAP may not call you for a debriefing, but we do need you to remain our 'experts' in the field, continually educating your co-members and watching for signs of need for team intervention during the course of our Emergency Services and Disaster Relief missions.

CISM in Uniform?

While it is true that we do not observe grade or rank in any of the CISM interventions, we are still obligated to be in some form of uniform at activities. This is especially true of the requirements for riding in CAP aircraft, and we have found that the CIS Teams are often flown to the site of debriefings/interventions. What we have determined is that the gray pants/blue golf shirt (no grade) is an excellent alternative. It meets the requirements of being in uniform, does not question or alter the 39-1 guidelines, and marks us as members of the organization (which is helpful since we utilize local CISM teams). This alternative uniform is advised when a mission is ongoing (if we are on-site support staff or doing a demobilization, for example), or if we have come into the debriefing from CAP aircraft. The ICISF standard uniform for training is pants (Dockers® style) and the ICISF emblazoned golf shirt, so the alternate uniform is very close to their standard.

If we have scheduled a debriefing for a time away from a CAP activity, then civilian clothing is appropriate and encouraged for all members of the debriefing, not just the "debriefers", and we ask that those arranging the intervention advise the participants to come in something "comfortable". Again, if the "debriefers" are coming in CAP aircraft, the uniform above is recommended but not mandated. Our goal of leveling the board and making everyone as comfortable as possible in terms of the visual intimidation that rank may bear is part of the ICISF standard of care in military-type interventions.

Article & Source by: Lt Col Sherry Jones, RN, CAP
<http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/es/CISM.htm>
 Great Lakes Region CISM Director
<http://glr.cap.gov/cism>



MI Wing Purchases New Trailer with State Grant Funds

Designed and Equipped As Mobile Communications/Command Post



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The master plan, for this trailer, is to be a completely self contained "Mission Go Kit" on wheels; with a fully equipped radio room to get Communications running for each mission roughly within 30 minutes after the trailer has been parked. The trailer will include the following: central air and heat, AM/FM/CD stereo and roof antenna for news gathering purposes, Linux Server (still in progress) and wireless LAN for laptops to be included in the network on missions. The server will provide the Tracking (APRS) screens and any Mission software operating with a local text messaging system similar to commercial instant message systems. A video projector will display radio room computer screens to allow the Press (or any visitors) to view the Mission's Status, vehicle and Aircraft locations, etc, in real time, eliminating radio operator assistance. Radio room equipment will include HF, VHF, AM air band, Scanner and State Police radio systems. We will have everything on board to completely run a Mission except for sleeping quarters. All equipment will be powered by an on-board Onan® propane powered five kilowatt generator.



Close up view as seen looking from front loading ramp in far back

Wiring will be installed for telephones, fax machine, email capability, laser and color printers for SSTV picture printing. The process has been an arduous task. As Director of Communications, I would like to thank all those who have helped in various ways. It took a team effort to reach this goal and all of us should be very proud. Work on the new trailer is ongoing, volunteers are always welcome and appreciated, to assist us in achieving completion of this project.

Source & Photos by: 1Lt. William Chesney, MIWG DC

Article by: SM Melony Buford, Newsletter Staff Writer



Angle view of communications
work station area



View of communications work station
in rear section of trailer

SUCCESS STARTS WITH A BEGINNING



To reach your goal or to attain success, you don't need to know all of the answers in advance. But you do need to have a clear idea of your goal. Everyone who got where they are had to begin where they were. You are surrounded by opportunities.

Don't procrastinate when faced with difficult problems. Break those problems into parts, and handle one part at a time. Develop tendencies toward action. Break your big plan into small steps and take the first step right away. You can make something happen, right now. A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. You can begin your journey to success today.

Source: GLR Chaplain office

Article by: Motivation Mentor@aol.com ©2003

Endorsed by: Chaplain Richard Sample, Lt. Col., CAP MIWG Chief Chaplain

Submitted by: Captain Christine R. Frantz, CAP, MLO

August 2003 Newsletter Corrections

Article: MI Wing Conference Awards - Lt. Col. Sherry Jones, RN received Meritorious Service Award.

Correction: Received ***Exceptional Service Award***.



Articles Appearing in October Edition

More Michigan Wing Conference Award Winners

More from Great Lakes Region Encampment 2003

More from Monroe Practice SAR Mission

Comments from CISM Special Advisor

Operation Wolverine To Be Rescheduled Date To Be Announced

This year's Operation Wolverine is being rescheduled. We are accepting applications for those who wish to be on staff this year. All positions are currently available. Members wishing to attend as a staff member must email the following information:

List of positions you would like to fill (3 positions in order of precedence)

Qualifications you currently have for a 101Q/T

Positions you have previously held on staff at Operation Wolverine

For those of you who do not know; **Operation Wolverine** is a 100% cadet run, air force funded practice mission. Seniors will supervise but do not intervene. Every position from Incident Commander to Ground Team Leaders are filled by cadets, and run by cadets. This year's location is **tentatively** set for the Western area (possibly in Greenville). Command Staff is currently working on the scheduled time and will notify us when the exact date becomes available.

Please do not request and commit to a staff position if you are not going to be able to make the activity. Issues concerning conflicting schedules will be handled to the best of our ability. Opportunities exist for everyone at this activity. Discuss it with everyone you know and get them there. If you have any questions regarding this activity, please email C/Capt Willman at flyrealow@chartermi.net and also myself, C/Major Groat at SalemFB41@aol.com. Please subject your email "Operation Wolverine" to ensure your message is not deleted.

Editor's Note: *This article has been edited to reflect the current status as of the time of printing*

Monroe Practice Search and Rescue Mission

Pilots, aircrew and Ground Team members from around the state assembled at the Civil Air Patrol Michigan Wing training base on August 8-10 at Monroe County Airport. Lt. Col. Martha MacLeod of Tawas served as Incident Commander, with her husband, Lt. Col. Donald MacLeod, as Director of Planning.

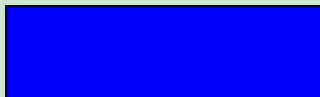
Wing Director of Communications, 1st Lt. William Chesney, brought the Wing's recently acquired mobile Command/Communications trailer. This exercise was the trailer's first opportunity to test it's operational use in the field. The mobile command post facility provides members with an efficient work area to coordinate communication with administrative staff volunteers on base as well as with deployed aircraft and ground teams. In addition, this high-tech trailer can be deployed to isolated areas as a self-contained command post in the event of an actual mission. Captain Charles Cook, Licensing DCF assisted Lt. Chesney at the mission.

Other volunteer members assigned to leadership in the simulation exercise were Lt. Col. Marie Ruby, Administration; Major Paul Cannon, Finance assisted by trainee Lt. Col. Grant Taylor, Major Rod Hokenson, Chaplain and Information Officer and Major Mary Mitchell, Ground Operations. The host Squadron Monroe supplied the following positions: Log coordination-C\1Lt. Beth Dumont; Safety Officer-1Lt. Carl Sweeney; Photographer/Information Officer trainee- 1Lt. Nicholas Roberty; Air Operations- Lt. Col. Mark Woodruff; Logistics- Capt. William DuMont; Medical and Stress Management- Capt. Betty Dumont, assisted by cadet trainees, SM Kevin Kirshke and 2Lt. Kyle Dickinson. Two trainees from Detroit, 1Lt. Gail Olsen and Ken Clark assisted Lt. Col. Woodruff.

This was a funded practice mission. To assure compliance, a computerized system was used to assure that budgeted amounts were not exceeded. Six corporate aircraft assigned to Michigan Wing were flown at this mission, joined by one private aircraft as of Saturday noon. At that hour there were 56 Senior members and 23 Cadets registered, all being deployed to various tasks. (Later reports showed 94 members present on Saturday, and 47 on Sunday. Members are trained under the Critical Incident programs utilized commonly by most emergency services in the USA, with the goal of maximum efficacy and coordination of resources and personnel.

One major objective was achieved by an incoming sortie from Muskegon which tracked a line south toward Hillsdale, encountering an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT, such as every registered airplane must carry) and then directing a ground team from its base at Adrian CAP to the ELT site. That team was led by Major David Cotton. Another exercise planned later in the day simulated the transfer of a human heart transplant from a local hospital to a different city, using ground teams coordinating with aircraft to try and save a life. A supervised cadet exercise was involved searching for lost hikers known to be carrying a simple device detectable by equipment now in use by emergency services groups like CAP. Digital cameras were also in use by air and ground teams.

Now a key agency under the Department of Homeland Security, CAP has for some years been involved in 85% of all Search and Rescue activity over land in the USA, according to statistics kept by the Air Force.



National Check Pilot Course To Be Rescheduled

Michigan Wing Pilots,

I realize that some of you have been waiting for the course to be held. I wanted to update the Wing on what exactly has been going on with the National Check Pilot Course, so there is no confusion. I have moved the Check Pilot Course **tentatively** to October. Currently, no exact date is available at this time, as I do not have my schedule yet. Once I have the date, I will post an email message to inform all who wish to attend. When available, the course will be held at Mettetal Airport in Canton. More information concerning this will follow. I apologize for any confusion about the dates. I hope this email eliminates the misinformation. Please contact me if you have any questions via email at:

RedBrn@aol.com

Source: Excerpt from email sent 13 August by Carlton R. Sumner, Capt., CAP (MIWG Stan/Eval Officer)

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Major Pamela E. Paulin, MIWG Military Incentive Flight Coordinator Comments on Incentive Flight Program



As of the this publication, the 927th Air Refueling Wing at Selfridge will have flown 161 cadets from across the Wing from over 15 different units during eight flights. The 927th was kind enough to enter into an Incentive Flight Program with Michigan Wing, Civil Air Patrol. The program allows for approximately two incentive flights per month consisting of 15 cadets and 2-3 chaperones per flight. The flights have participated in the refueling of various aircraft including: the RC-135, F-16, A-10 and B-2.

During the Great Lakes Region Encampment in Alpena, MI, the 927th provided an aircraft, which was on static display for two days and flew two refueling missions with cadets from across the Region. The 927th ARW support of the Civil Air Patrol program doesn't end with just Incentive Flights. They have provided instructors for our Cadets and even assured that our volunteer members were fed during the recent Selfridge Air Show.



In flight view of KC-135 linking up with an RC-135 to be refueled

If you have a chance to meet any members of the 927th, whether they are law enforcement, pilots, clerical or whatever please tell them thank you for their continued support of our program. When you become an employer, please take into consideration what they do for our country and help make their employment needs easier to obtain. Many of these Reservists and Guardsmen suffer discrimination in the work place. There are many employers who do not want to hire them because of their military commitment although were grateful for their commitment two years ago and since providing refueling abilities while our fighters were guarding our skies.

Article by: Major Pamela E. Paulin

Photo by: Col. Gary J. Mayo, MIWG Commander

Michigan Squadron First to Win New Unit Fitness Award

The honor of earning CAP's first Squadron Physical Fitness Award belongs to Michigan's Van Dyke Cadet Squadron, MI-117. Seventy percent of their cadets reached the 60th percentile for their age and gender on the Cadet Physical Fitness Test (CPFT).

That equates to 70% of the cadets meeting the CPFT standards for the Earhart Award. In April, the CPFT was aligned with the President's Challenge, the most widely-used youth fitness test in America. In reaching the Challenge's 60th percentile, cadets in the Van Dyke squadron essentially out-performed 6 out of 10 youth in America in curl-ups, push-ups, a sit-and-reach, and a mile or shuttle run.



Unit Commander Major Pamela Paulin said her cadets love the new CPFT and the squadron physical fitness award program. "My cadets really loved '*running for Spaatz*'. They ate this opportunity up and have placed an idea for a physical fitness day through the CAC to have units enter teams at the different levels. I have never seen the cadets this eager". Every cadet unit is eligible to enter the Squadron Physical Fitness Award program. The next opportunity to qualify for an award occurs in November. For more information, see CAPP 52-18, or visit www.cap.gov and click "Cadet Programs."

Source: Reprinted from Cadet Programs Today newsletter

Article submitted by: 1Lt. David D'Arcy, MI-117 Squadron PAO

CAP Recognized for Post September 11th Work

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN) 8 August 2003

For its work in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Civil Air Patrol has been selected to receive the *Associations Advance America Summit Award*. CAP is one of only six associations chosen for this award, the highest honor bestowed by the American Society of Association Executives upon organizations that implement new and innovative community-based programs. After the Sept. 11 attacks, CAP aircrews were requested to fly reconnaissance and damage-assessment missions over the World Trade Center in New York City. During those flights, CAP members took some of the first aerial photos used by emergency management agencies for assessment. CAP members manned critical positions in emergency operations centers and also transported thousands of pints of blood all over the country that otherwise would have spoiled and become unusable. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, CAP members have continued to perform homeland security missions over critical infrastructure sites throughout the United States. "To be recognized with a Summit Award for our work in the aftermath of Sept. 11 is a great honor for our members," said Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP national commander. "It's a tribute to their hard work, day after day, in training, maintaining equipment and cultivating resources, that they were so well-prepared to respond when the nation faced an emergency of that magnitude." CAP was chosen from nearly 300 entries in this year's award program. The Summit Award recognizes outstanding work in public education and information, business and social innovation, citizenship, and civic and community volunteerism. CAP officials will receive the award Sept. 30 at the 4th Annual Summit Awards Dinner at the National Building Museum in Washington. "Speaking on behalf of the AAA Committee, we are continually amazed and impressed at the quality of new programs and services being generated by associations each year to benefit our communities locally and nationwide," said Daniel Fullenkamp, AAA committee chairman. "All of our winners exemplify the broad mission of associations to unite behind society's common goals and values -- a mission we honor with the ASAE Summit Award."

Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the Air Force. A nonprofit organization, CAP currently has more than 64,000 members nationwide and performs 95 percent of continental United States inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Volunteers also perform counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for the United States for more than 60 years.

Source: Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service

Mustang Squadron Produces Newest Batch of Communicators

It was Friday evening, many areas of Michigan was without electricity. It was eerie, there were no lights anywhere, you could not buy gas, watch TV, pump water or do much of anything. The sound of the emergency power generator at the South Lyon Hardware Store attracted them like the Pied Piper. A last chance to get a candy bar, guzzle a pop or get some trail nibbles. They were about to head down that lonesome trail, back packs full, spirits high and full of excitement. There were nine of them for now just standard CAP cadets. When they returned in two and a half days, they would all be CAMP HARDENED, "A CUT COMMUNICATORS," If they returned.

Friday: The hike was three miles in. The only food and equipment they possessed was what they took with them. Hail and hardy, Lt. Bill Oliver marched in with the cadets and joined up with less hardy Senior Members already at the camp site, myself included. Orders of the day, march in, set up camp, fix dinner and enjoy the remainder of the evening, lights out 2400. Area Guard posted in two hour shifts until wake up at 0730.



Far left to right: C/A1C Regan Laitila, C/A1C Justine Duncan, C/TSG Scott Jordan, C/A1C Erika Silas, C/AB Austin White, 2Lt Bill Oliver, C/Amn Katie Dove, C/A1C Amanda Brown, C/CMS Gregory Ehlert. Not pictured are C/SMS Chris Bellenger and THE CHIEF (Grin)

Saturday: Wake up was absolutely no problem at all, they were already awake, they never slept. (Been there, done that, don't do it any more.) Orders of the Day: PT, breakfast, Communications class, another Comm. class, lunch, Comm. class, break, Comm. Class, dinner, Comm. class review, free time, lights out 2400, area guard. That is what was supposed to happen and eventually did.....after a small interruption.

HURRICANE PYLES swept through the camp at approximately 0230. With 50 to 60 mph winds, horizontal rain came through the camp raising havoc for about 10 minutes. Lt. Oliver's tent was severely damaged and unusable. The cadets tents survived. Everything and everyone was soaked to the skin. The scene looked like a Chinese Laundry for quite awhile. Sleeping bags hung from every rafter and branch. Cloths and cadets, all was soaked. Our very able and excellent instructor Lt. Oliver now homeless. IMPROVISE, ADAPT, OVERCOME was the cry throughout the camp as damage control went into high gear! The sleep deprived and almost burned out cadets responded like they just received a "Sugar Hit." Within 45 minutes we were back on track (almost). Casting his personal loss aside, Lt. Oliver continued with the mission and all goals set for that day were accomplished.

NOTE: C/A1C Amanda Brown is now a Squadron Legend. Hurricane Pyles did not effect her in any way. Everything in her back pack was WRAPPED IN PLASTIC. This girl was born to be a Chief (Grin). Lt. Oliver slept under the stars (sans tent). He said that he wanted to get a good look at Mars anyway and didn't want to wait another 60,000 years to do so.

Sunday: Wake-up was very different from the day before. Although they did play hard right up to lights out Saturday night (Where do they get the energy?). The cadets weren't very happy to be awoken at 0730. Orders of the day: PT, breakfast, Comm. class Review, Test, Practical Radio Hands on Training, lunch, police area, "Lessons Learned Critique", break camp, march back to South Lyon Hardware, go home. These events all happened right on schedule.

HIGH POINT of the weekend: It was no surprise that everyone passed the "Advanced Radio Comm. Test". In all of my years, have I rarely seen, a more knowledgeable and effective instructor than Lt. Bill Oliver. Even this burned out old Chief nailed a solid 94% having only to correct two questions. Most of the cadets did as well, better, or close to it. With the addition of this newest batch of Communicators and thanks to Lt. Oliver. Mustang Squadron now has **SEVEN** Senior Members and **THIRTEEN** cadet "*A-Cut Qualified Advanced Communicators*". Over half the squadron! Additional communication classes have been scheduled for the remainder the squadron to usher them into the "Wonderful World of Communications". Hats off to Lt. Oliver.

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